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...Editorial...

MALICIOUS GOSSIP.

A vicious falsehood, which caused many heartaches, gained wide circulation in Paw Paw last week. The rumor which spread over the community like wild fire was to the effect that three Van Buren county boys had been shot at Camp McArthur as deserters. Two of them, so the gossip ran were from Paw Paw and the third from Decatur. No one knows of course where or how the story originated, but it was a deliberate malicious lie. Imagine if you can the feelings of the parents of these boys when told that their son had been shot as a deserter from the U. S. Army. Picture the feelings of the little girl, a sister, when pupils at school taunted her with the tragic news that her brother had been shot in disgrace. The story was telephoned from house to house. It was talked on the streets and every where. Instead of treating it as a false rumor, people seemed to delight in telling the yarn as a fact and spreading it just as fast as possible. The fabrication gained such wide circulation, and was told with such positiveness that the parents of one of the boys were nearly frantic. Then a letter came to them from the boy himself who was said to have died an ignominious death, dated from Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas, stating that he had been in the hospital for several days from the effects of typhoid inoculation, and still had to carry his arm in a sling. These few lines were glad tidings for the parents and sister, but did not lessen the gravity of the offense of those who were guilty of starting and circulating the story.

This is only another illustration of the damage done, and the suffering caused by malicious gossip. When one has to give "They say" as authority for news, it might better not be told. In this instance had those who heard the yarn in the first place have treated it simply as a yarn and waited for the story to be substantiated the heart aches would have been averted. This is only one instance every day, "Gossip" spreads some rumor about somebody or something giving "They Say" as authority for the same. The story loses none of its details as it rolls from tongue to ear and on again, and soon becomes a "Fact." How careful people should be in repeating what "They Say", especially if it maligns some one's character, or is derogatory to some body's good reputation. Wait for substantiation, and even then often times it might better not be told. The malicious lie of last week is reprehensible to say the least and it is hard to believe that any one, unless it be a German sympathizer and an enemy to America, could be guilty of such an offense. The boys whom slanderous gossip endeavored to disgrace are all volunteers. They did not wait to see if they would be drafted, but were among the first to leave good homes to join the army. One of them was rejected on account of defective eyesight, but so determined was he to do his "Bit" that he tried again and again and was finally accepted. It might also be added that this particular boy was under draft age, and would not have

been called had he chose to remain to enjoy the comforts of home and fire-side. Does this sound like the trait of a deserter? It wouldn't have taken any deep thinking or any special amount of common sense to have branded the rumor as a lie when it made its first appearance. These boys will soon be in the trenches in France, fighting to maintain the dignity and honor of the stars and stripes. Shame on those who would place upon them the stigma of the worst crime in military circles. It is a pity that the person or persons who were guilty of the inception of the malicious slander cannot be known and punished in a measure commensurate with the offense.

"This is the season when colds seem to be well nigh universal complaints. If you have been fortunate enough to escape, your neighbor has not. There are numerous factors which are responsible for the spread of colds at this period of the year. As in many other infectious diseases, one may be exposed frequently without any serious result. There are simple congestive colds from exposure yet many conditions commonly called colds are caused by germs." Says the State Board of Health. "Probably one of the most common methods of spreading these so-called colds is through the carelessness of those who are sick with the infectious condition and who are careless in handling their cough when near others and fill the air with thousands of infective germs. If the usual symptoms of colds are aggravated in character, a physician should be sent for, as the line between the severe "cold in the chest" and pneumonia is delicately drawn. If a cold is permitted to hang on, it easily becomes a predisposing factor to more serious ailments, tuberculosis in particular."

For the first time in history our country, in building its army, has made provisions at the very outset to turn the soldiers' leisure hours, and the training camp environment, into an asset instead of a liability. Realizing that great battles are won by man power, and not by mere numbers of men, she has set high the standard of soldierly conduct, and has laid the foundation for building a great army of men, the nearest perfect physically, the most alert mentally, and the most sound morally that the world has ever known, to the end that the war may be won in the shortest possible time, and that her loss in men shall be limited to those who die honorably.

Lord Northcliffe declines the Ministry of Munitions in Lloyd George's Cabinet because he does not approve of some of the things that the Lloyd George government has done—especially in retaining incompetent men in places of high authority. The Northcliffe letter of refusal is an illuminating document and is of especial interest to America, where, as Northcliffe himself says, some phases of British procedure have had an unfavorable reaction. Lord Northcliffe, with his newspapers, is reputed as having made Lloyd George Prime Minister. It is hard to imagine any of the American editors who think they made Wilson President declining a Cabinet portfolio.

Next month we may declare war against Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey, but the war will always be known as the war with Germany. Germany was the aggressor, from the start, Germany has been the active agent all the time. Austria would never have bulldozed Serbia but for Germany's approval. Bulgaria would never have been drawn in but for the lavishness of German promises. Turkey would have kept out but for Germany's pressure. So, no matter how many nominal enemies we or the other Allies may have, the one great enemy is and will be Germany.

There has been considerable criticism directed against some attorneys who made a practice of charging good fees for assisting drafted men in the preparation of affidavits and applications for exemption. This will

be eliminated in the future, as President Wilson has asked that all lawyers give their services to registrants in the preparation of "Questionnaires," which are to be sent out to all registrants including those who have already been exempted, without compensation.

Last March Trotsky was working on a New York newspaper for twelve dollars a week. Just now he probably wishes he had that job back again.

OBITUARY

JOHN D. SHERMAN

Another one of the first pioneers of this village has passed away. John D. Sherman, for seventythree years a resident of this community died suddenly at his home Tuesday morning. He has been in failing health since the death of his wife some fourteen months ago, but has been able to be around and attend to business until last Friday. He was born in Leroy, New York on June 14th, 1837 and came to Paw Paw when a small boy of seven years. When old enough he commenced work in his fathers store on the Savings Bank corner, and has been identified with some branch of mercantile life in this village since that time. He leaves two children, Henry and Miss Lulu, one brother George Sherman of Kansas, and one half brother Joe Sherman of Kalamazoo. George is expected here for the funeral and Mrs. F. E. Avery of Benton Harbor, sister of the late Mrs. Sherman is also here. Mr. Sherman was an exemplary citizen with a wide and favorable acquaintance. He was one of the "Land Marks" of the village, and has always been closely associated with the industrial activities of the community. He has lived an active life of four score years in work well done. The funeral will be held from the home Friday afternoon at 2:00 P. M. Either Mrs. Anna Gillespie of Battle Creek or Mrs. Dorothy Newton of Kalamazoo will officiate. Interment will be in the family lot at Prospect.

WILLIAM HENRY HOLT

Death mercifully relieved Henry Holt from his sufferings last Sunday morning. He has suffered with a cancer for the past eight years. It appeared first as a little spot on his under lip, and not until the past summer did it give him any concern. During the past six months, he has submitted to no less than eight or nine operations, and was hopeful for a recovery until the very last. He has suffered intensely for several weeks, but under the tender nursing and care of his faithful wife, bore it all without a complaint or murmur. Wm. Henry Holt was born in Paw Paw on August 3rd, 1856, and has spent his entire life in this community. He was industrious and faithful, and took much delight in his pretty home and pleasant surroundings, which were always a model of neatness. He was a good husband and father, a loyal and faithful neighbor and a citizen who will be missed from the community. He leaves besides the faithful wife, one son Chas. Holt of Detroit. The funeral was held from the home Wednesday afternoon and interment was at Prospect. Rev. Olivia J. C. Woodman officiated.

ADELBERT MAGUIRE

The funeral of Adelbert Maguire was held from the late home last Saturday. Rev. Frank Flagg of Dowagiac officiated and interment was made in Prospect cemetery. Deceased was born in Almota township, April 24th, 1859 and has always lived in this vicinity. He was married to Inez Van Hise of Decatur in 1887. One child Paul, now a young man of twenty-four years was born to them. He with the mother are left to mourn the loss of a good husband and father. Mr. Maguire has been a sufferer from paralysis for two years and an invalid during all that time. Apoplexy was the immediate cause of death. He had lived on the place where he died on the banks of Eagle Lake for a period of twenty-nine years. He was a splendid type of citizen, respected and esteemed by all who knew him.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to express our heartfelt appreciation for the kindness and sympathy shown us during our late bereavement.

Mrs. Enz Maguire
Paul Maguire.

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One's Career.

Strictly speaking, every life is a career because it is a course that is run from start to finish, but as generally used the term implies an unusual life record, something exceptional and out of the ordinary, says a professor. Childhood is a period of life, but it is not a career. One's career is the life one lives and the record one makes whether it becomes known to the public or not. The term public career is applied to lives largely spent in the public service.

Growing Dishrags.

It has been discovered that the thick, spongy gourd of the luffa plant, which grows easily and requires but little attention makes the best kind of dishcloths and bath sponges. An Ohio woman is making a good living raising them. She sold over 1,000 to one garage company alone for use in the washing of automobiles. Cut into strips the luffa gourd makes a kind of lace widely used by milliners, and it is also admirably adapted to the making of flower baskets.

Favor Coarse Bread.

The refined white flour now generally used is a comparatively modern innovation, the process for its development having been perfected within the last half century. This flour produces bread highly pleasing to the eye and palate, as compared with the coarse brown bread of our ancestors, but there is a growing tendency on the part of dietetic students and physicians to denounce white bread as destructive of health and vigor.

WARNER'S

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EVERYTHING FOR THE TABLE

NEW NUTS	FIGS	CELERY
ENGLISH	NEW DATES	SWEET
WALNUTS	CRANBERRIES	POTATOES
FILBERT'S	ORANGES	GRAPE FRUIT
PECANS	CHICKENS	LETTUCE
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ALL THE WEEK SPECIALS

Pink Salmon, can 15c	Santos Coffee, lb. 19c
2-lb. can Kara Corn Syrup 15c	25-lb. sack Pillsbury 4x Flour \$1.79
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